

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF A POSSIBLE UFO ABDUCTION IN RHODE ISLAND

A team of investigators from the New England UFO Study Group, and MUFON, have spent some time over the past few months in an attempt to solve the riddle of a possible abduction of three Rhode Island women by UFO occupants on the night of March 16, 1976. The women were driving along a back road, and apparently saw a light in the sky which seemed to pace their vehicle. The driver stopped, got out of the car for a better look and waved at the UFO. At this point, there appears to be a time lapse of approximately 60-90 minutes, because the next conscious memory they had was that of finding themselves back on the proper road, and headed home. The youngest percipient has undergone hypnosis by a highly qualified consultant to MUFON, and as a result the investigation was beginning to appear promising, when she inexplicably dropped out of the research. However, she was remembering events which transpired during the time-lapse, while under hypnosis, including being dragged out of the car by 'a being', being forced to walk down a wooded path, rounding a bend and seeing the 'ship', and being taken aboard. In addition, she recalled being placed on some sort of table and held in place by a 'force', and having several disc-like objects attached to various parts of her body. She then recalled being taken back to the vehicle, and placed inside. One of the other women has been consciously remembering events of that night, but is considered to be a poor hypnotic subject; the third person could be worked with, but is also currently unavailable to work with. On the basis of what has been learned as of this writing, it is felt by the majority of those concerned with the investigation that there was a valid CEIII type event which occurred on March 16, 1976. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the ability of the investigators' control, the case has reached a condition of stasis which may continue for some time. As events unfold, further information will be presented.

UFO'S, Howling Dogs, and Non-Verbal Communication

By Joe Nyman

At our last meeting we were pleased to welcome a new member from Rhode Island. Ms. Joyce DeNardo told us of some out-of-the-ordinary UFO related events from her past. Her story was so interesting that we have presented it below for those members not present. Although the relation is somewhat edited for continuity and conciseness, it is hoped none of the relevant parts have been omitted.


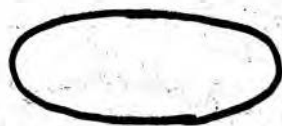
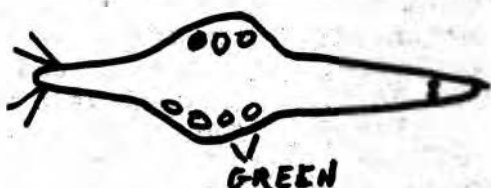
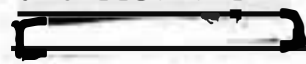
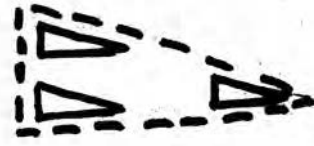
Joyce's Story

I used to spend a lot of time in St. Thomas. Vacations for me meant laying in the sun because the pressures of the entertainment field and being before the public sometimes does get you down and you want to get away and escape to an isolated beach. I was there with a friend in the summer of 1969 or 1970 at the Island Beachcomber Hotel, located on a cove. In back of it is an airport. We used to stay up quite late after the Island had closed down at, maybe, midnight. Even the tourists would go to sleep very early but we would skywatch or sit on the beach and just relax.

The following day, as I was sunning myself on the beach, I saw, silently moving from left to right across the cove, a perfectly smooth, dull metallic object with rectangular ends. It seemed to move right over a navy ship anchored at the end of the cove, before it went out to sea. I wondered how anyone on the ship could have avoided seeing it.

This scared me further and resulted in us leaving the resort before we intended.

NEUFOSG Sighting Summary

Date	Time	Seen From	Witns.	Maneuvers	Object(s) (Differing Scales)
4/11/78	7:30 pm	Littleton Rte. 2A	2-3	Hovered 2-3 min. Took off straight up.	Orange-yellow circular object. No sketch given.
1/1/78	3:00 am	Cranston, R.I.	4	Moved slowly downward below distant ridge.	
August 1977	about 9:00 pm	Pillsbury State Park, Washington, N.H.	4	Zig-zagged from side to side and up and down.	A reddish light the size of an aircraft light, or star like. Seen near horizon, below which it eventually disappeared.
July 1976	11:30 -11:45 pm	Framingham, Ma.	3	Hovered over treetops then descended and was lost to sight. Not seen to reascend. Landing site not found.	Bright orange discshape 
Around Oct 29 1971	6:30pm	Marlboro, Ma.	2	Seen for about 1 minute as it hovered 60 yds from witnesses. Moved left at sharp slope. Lost from view behind trees.	
June-July 1969 or 1970	2:30- pm	Island Beachcomber Hotel, St. Thomas, Virgin Isls.	1+	Slowly moved from left to right of witness. (see JJ. DeNardo story this issue)	No prtholes, windows, seams Dull metallic color 
Unreported		121 Shawmut Ave., Marlboro, Ma.	2	Seen on two successive evenings as it hovered, moved slowly west, and abruptly moved south.	

THE GREAT MOON HOAX

by

Dave Downs

In August of 1835, Richard Locke, a reporter for The New York Sun, wrote that Sir John Herschel, who was a famous astronomer of his day, had just completed construction of a giant telescope at The Cape of Good Hope. The telescope had a magnifying power of 42,000. When Herschel aimed his great telescope towards the moon, it was said that he was amazed to see humans, bearded unicorns, buffalo, strange spherical creatures which rolled around, and a winged creature which he called a "man bat".

Readers anxiously awaited each new edition of the paper which gave more details and descriptions of the creatures seen through Herschel's telescope. The New York Sun enjoyed record breaking sales during the period that Locke's articles were printed. (History repeated itself in the 1960s when The Boston Traveler enjoyed record breaking sales while publishing the Betty and Barney Hill abduction case.)

A controversy quickly arose as to the veracity of these reports. Sceptics called attention to the fact that none of the influential English papers had reported any such account and therefore Locke's stories must be false. But weeks later (It took weeks for news to travel across the Atlantic.) the English papers also ran similar accounts of Herschel's discoveries.

Therefore for several months following Locke's stories of creature on the moon, thousands of laymen thought the news stories were true. It wasn't until news had reached Herschel and he had written a denial of the whole affair, that the matter was settled.

Today it may be difficult to imagine how so many people could believe such a tale. It is helpful to put this incident into historical perspective. The moon has attracted the attention of men throughout history because of its prominence in the night sky. And, as some of you may be aware, the concepts of extraterrestrial life and space travel are not unique to the 20th century.

The first known books concerning life on the moon were written by a Greek philosopher Plutarch (A.D. 46 - 120) and Lucian of Samosata (A.D. 125 - 190). Plutarch wrote a book entitled, "On The Face In The Orb Of The Moon". He spoke of the moon's mountains and valleys with a race of demons occupying its surface. Lucian of Samosata wrote a book describing a journey to the moon and back.

In 1538, Domingo Gonzales wrote, "The Man In The Moon", or, "A Discourse Of A Voyage Thither".

In 1639, an English bishop, John Wilkins, wrote a straight forward book about the way the moon resembled the earth and the possibilities of lunar inhabitants. He called his book the "Discovery Of A World In The Moon".

"Voyage To The Moon" was written by Cyrano de Bergenas in 1657.

By 1821 references to life on the moon were included in textbooks. The following was taken from a book on the subject of Geography and Astronomy. "Reasoning from observation and analogy, we suppose that the moon is a habitable globe. Her surface appears to be variegated with mountains and valleys, plains and oceans..."

In 1835, Americans felt it was only natural for the moon to be inhabited.

For many, the deciding factor which seemed to give credibility to the moon discoveries was the fact that the English papers had printed similar stories of beings on the moon. These papers were reliable and enjoyed prestige similar to the Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post of today.

The fact of the matter was that the English papers simply rewrote and printed as fact, most of the material they recieved from the New York Sun! They made it appear that they had received their information from one of their own African sources. This was done out of rivalry. The English papers were not going to allow an American paper to monopolize one of the most important discoveries of the century!

The great moon hoax soon became history. During the following decades, man learned more about the harsh conditions on his closest neighbor, the moon. Hope for the existence of life on the moon slowly disapated. Mars would be the next target for a similar hoax a century later when Orson Wells presented his radio broadcast of The War Of The Worlds in 1938. I'll be writing about this historical event in our next Newsletter.

It was about 2:30 or 3:00 in the morning. My friend had been in the service and knew about military maneuvers and although I didn't know about these kinds of things it was later obvious to me that what we were about to see was intelligently planned.

There were three ships involved in the sighting. First, we saw what looked to be two headlights on the left hand side of the cove. We at first thought it was a car but realized that there was no road in that area since it was a rocky ridge. We didn't think anything more of it, and, as it was getting a little chilly we both went back into the hotel. I got a sweater and we had a bottle which we decided, as a joke, to throw into the ocean with a note carrying our names, planet Earth, Milky Way galaxy, such and such a number, contact so and so. We stuffed the note in the bottle and capped it. On the way back to the beach and just as we closed the hotel door we saw something that looked exactly like an orange egg on its side, but in the middle of the cove. We could hardly believe it and sat on the beach looking at it. I was very frightened but since I wasn't alone I remained watching. It seemed to be no further than a city block away, just beyond the buoys that mark off the limit of the swimming area.

After a short time of watching a door opened from the side and another little ship came out-no sounds-and the door closed. Meanwhile, I'm looking around figuring someone is going to grab me from behind-I'm going to be abducted.

The smaller ship was a red and white pulsating ship about the size of a Volkswagen. This probe, as I called it, would go all around the rocks and out to sea and come back, and all the while not a sound.

What frightened me intensely was the howling of the dogs on the beach. They were going crazy. These dogs had their noses down and their tails up and they were howling. When a dog came by me I jumped. I get the chills now just thinking about it.

There was a third ship, stationary, on the right hand side of the cove. On a mound on the right hand side was a light tower. The third ship was right under the light of the tower.

My friend took the bottle and threw it into the water. When it hit the water the small probe lit up brightly. Now I was completely petrified believing they would think us hostile. The bigger ship started coming in closer to us. Thinking this was it, I stood up and just cleared my mind out of fright. A high frequency sound (thought to be coming through the hotel light and paging system) was heard for a short time. It was like a tuning fork or a group of bees and it went right into my mind. The message that I was given was "Don't be afraid."

We both sat down then, -and waved.

After this the ship that had begun to approach receded out into the cove.

I forgot to tell you that when we first sat down the first ship emitted a light beam that seemed to be scanning the shore. It moved continuously without stopping and came right over our faces. It was not an intense light but somewhat diffused.

All three ships finally lined up and went to the other side of the cove. At about 6:30 in the morning we left. I was so frightened after that I was having nightmares. I couldn't be alone. We eventually cut our stay short.

The next morning we wanted to report what we had seen to some government agency but couldn't get through. We told our story to the hotel management but were asked to keep silent so as not to adversely affect business.